



Washington State Health Care Authority
Prescription Drug Program

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Dear Interested Party:

Following updated recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social & Health Services, Health & Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) (formerly Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)), the Health Care Authority, Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) have determined that the following drugs will remain as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List (PDL)¹:

Statins

atorvastatin (Lipitor ®)
lovastatin*
pravastatin** (Pravachol ®)

*Generic products only

** HRSA (formerly MAA) requires EPA for patients with a clinical drug-drug interaction with other statin-type cholesterol-lowering agents.

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure. Medicaid will implement the Statins class changes on October 1, 2005. Uniform Medical Plan will implement this change on January 1, 2006.

If you have questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (360) 923-2736 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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¹ The Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) does not cover this drug class.